# BREAKOUT SESSIONS (DRAFT) SCHEDULE

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A2 - How do I become a Spiritual Assistant? – CNSA
B - And I Showed Mercy to Them: ... *(2hrs)* Fr. Sam Nasada, OFM and Br. David Buer, OFM
C1 - Young People: A Treasure to Cherish - FY/YA Commission
C2 - Get Your Fraternity Ready for YouFra! - FY/YA Commission
C3 - Strength for the Journey: The Prayer Before the Crucifix - FY/YA Commission
C4 - Christus Vivit “to young people and to the entire people of God” Pope Francis - FY/YA Commission

*Please note: Different times (12:00 noon to 2:30 pm) for this session only*

D1 - Oficio de la Pasión: Convertirse en coautores en oración con Francis A. Mulqueen, OFS & M. Stronach, OFS
D2 - Office of the Passion: Becoming Co-Authors in Prayer with St. Francis A. Mulqueen, OFS; M. Stronach, OFS
E - Conversion and the Memoriale Propositi – Jan Parker, OFS and Mary Bittner, OFS
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Z - The Loom of God - Tom McNamara, OFS
**A - Gathering of Provincials, Provincial Spiritual Assistants and Regional Spiritual Assistants** - CNSA

2-hour session is for above mentioned persons only.

Fr. Christopher Panagopoulos, TOR is President -in-Turn for the Conference of National Spiritual Assistants and Provincial Spiritual Assistant in Immaculate Conception Province, TOR. He serves as Regional Spiritual Assistant in Lady Poverty Region and as the Priest Chaplain at Altoona Regional Health System, St. Joseph Friary, Hollidaysburg, PA.

Br. Alexander Escalera, OFM Cap. is Provincial Spiritual Assistant at Western America OFM Capuchin Province, Burlingame, CA. He also serves as Regional Spiritual Assistant in the St. Junipero Serra Region.

Fr. Chris Shorrock, OFM Conv. is the former National Spiritual Assistant to the OFS National Fraternity in Australia. He has a Doctor of Theology and has taught at the Catholic Theological College in Melbourne, Australia and the Franciscan International Study Centre in Canterbury, UK. He currently resides in Chicago at the House of Formation for St. Bonaventure Province, OFM Conv. He is an adjunct lecturer at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Hales Corner, WI.

Fr Jerome Wolbert OFM, joined the friars in 2001 after a brief time as a Secular Franciscan. He is currently the guardian of Holy Dormition Friary, Sybertsville, PA (St Katharine Drexel Region) and pastor of St John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Hazleton, PA. In addition to ministry, he plays violin and viola in the Hazleton Philharmonic Orchestra. He is attracted to Franciscan spirituality in part because St Francis had a sense of the awesome vocation we have as Christians, and the even more overwhelming mercy of God when we invariably fall short.

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**A2 - How do I become a Spiritual Assistant?** - CNSA

Informational session for those desiring to enroll in a Franciscan Family Connections program to become a local Spiritual Assistant.

**B - And I Showed Mercy to Them: A Franciscan Response to Migrants and Refugees (2hrs)**

A Panel discussion with Fr. Sam Nasada, OFM and Br. David Buer, OFM

In his Testament, St. Francis shared how his conversion story begun with him ministering to the lepers outside the city wall of Assisi. Today, how can we as Franciscans in United States follow the footsteps of Francis in responding to the needs of our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters, especially those waiting for mercy at our southern border.
C1 - Young People: A Treasure to Cherish
FY/YA Commission - Kathleen Molaro, OFS, Heather Cherniack, OFS, Jean D’Onofrio, OFS, Dr. Janice Mary Novello, OFS, Br. Scott Slattum, OFM and Kathy Taormina, OFS

Delve into Scripture, our OFS documents and those of the Church and explore why Secular Franciscans are called to “foster communion” with our youth (Rule, Art. 24). Why does our Church and the Secular Franciscan Order believe it is important to reach out to younger Catholics? What do our documents say? Should this challenge be a priority in our churches and fraternities?

C2 - Get Your Fraternity Ready for YouFra!
FY/YA Commission
When a young person walks into your fraternity gathering, what steps do you need to take to make sure they are welcomed, inspired, and eager to return?
Young people seek authentic relationships and a community, a deepening of faith, and ways to work for justice. Is your fraternity ready to accompany our younger Catholics on their journey toward holiness? Do you know how to prepare for the possibility of establishing a YouFra?

C3 - Strength for the Journey: The Prayer Before the Crucifix
FY/YA Commission
Gather as one to experience a faith development session based on Francis’ Prayer Before the Crucifix. Living a virtuous, gospel-led life is not easy. The Prayer Before the Crucifix helped Francis face this task. Come and enjoy an example of a typical, multi-generational faith development session based on this beautiful prayer.

C4 - Christus Vivit – “to young people and to the entire people of God” Pope Francis
FY/YA Commission
(This session is limited to young adults ages 18-35, FYYA Animators and FYYA Spiritual Assistants)
Presentation by Jesse Manibusan, composer, singer/songwriter, storyteller, humorist, catechist, evangelizer and encourager. Jesse will share Pope Francis’ Landmark Exhortation on Youth and Young Adults and Pope Francis’ insights on the accompaniment, engagement, and vocational mission of youth and young adults in Christus Vivit, his 2019 post-synodal apostolic exhortation.

D1 - Convertirse en coautores en oración con Francis
Anne Mulqueen, OFS and Mary Stronach, OFS
A medida que revisamos las oraciones que escribió Francisco: el Oficio de la Pasión, el Cántico de las Criaturas, el Padre Nuestro, comenzamos a comprender mejor a nuestro Padre serafín hasta el punto en que nosotros también podemos unirnos a Francisco en la coautoría y personalización de nuestra vida de oración. Únase a nosotros para un momento de interacción personal con nuestra amada Santa y nuestra Santísima Madre.
D2 - Office of the Passion: Becoming Co-Authors in Prayer with St. Francis of Assisi
Anne Mulqueen, OFS and Mary Stronach, OFS
As we review the prayers which Francis wrote – the Office of the Passion, the Canticle of Creatures, the Our Father, we begin to understand our Seraphic Father better to the point where we, too, can join Francis in co-authoring and personalizing our prayer life. Join us for a moment of personal interaction with our beloved Saint and our Blessed Mother.

E - Conversion and the Memoriale Propositi
Jan Parker, OFS and Mary Bittner OFS
This Quinquennial marks the 800th Anniversary of the Memoriale Propositi. Is this historic document simply a ghost from the distant past? Or does its spirit live on and continue to transform us? Come and see how conversion has changed over the last 800 years.

Jan is currently our National Minister and Mary, our National Vice-Minister

F - Revitalizing our life as Franciscans: Ethical challenges & leadership
Fr. Martin Carbajo-Nunez, OFM
Fr. Martin will explore the possible ways of animating our life as Franciscans in a time marked by sociocultural change, social tensions and vocational crisis. It seems that a part of the Franciscans has their prophetic soul sickened, that they have lost the capacity of hoping and dreaming. However, Pope Francis reminds us that this is a time of hope and new prophecy. Therefore, they need the audacity and creativity of St Francis of Assisi to retake the core of their own charism and find the way of incarnating it today.

Father Martin, was born in Figueruela de Arriba (Zamora, Spain). He has a Doctorate degree in Moral Theology (Alfonsianum, Rome), a License degree in Germanic Philology (Santiago de Compostela Univ.), a Master in Social Communication (Gregorian Univ., Rome), and is a qualified computer technician. He currently teaches ethics and communication at three universities: two in Rome: Antonianum (PUA) and Alfonsianum (PUL); one in the USA: the FST, affiliated with the Univ. of San Diego (California). At the PUA, he has been Vice-Rector and Rector Magnificus ad interim for three years. His last book on ecology (Franciscan Roots of Laudato si’. Franciscan Ecology, Oñati 2016) already has nine editions in various languages.

G - Ser franciscano en la era digital
Fr. Martin Carbajo-Nunez, OFM
En esta charla, el p. Martín presentará la actualidad y relevancia de la tradición francisana a la hora de abordar los actuales desafíos éticos en la economía, la ecología y la comunicación. En las últimas décadas, el enfoque franciscano ha adquirido una renovada importancia y así lo ha reconocido el Magisterio eclesiástico postconciliar.

H - The Importance of Franciscan Tradition in Formation of Modern Culture
Fr. Martin Carbajo-Nunez, OFM
In the thirteenth and fifteenth centuries, the Franciscans made a remarkable contribution in many different aspects of science and society (economics, epistemology, politics, ethnography, etc.), laying the basis for the development of modern science.
I - Praying with St. Clare of Assisi
Layna Maher, OFS and Francine Gikow, OFS

Learn/practice St. Clare’s method of contemplative prayer from her 2nd and 4th Letters to Agnes of Prague. Discussion and prayer include gazing, (attending and reflecting,) consider, (includes mirror imagery), contemplating and imitation leading to transformation.

J - Art as a Form of Prayer
Maria Tiznado, OFS

Art can be a form of meditation to eventually achieve contemplative prayer. Art can be a powerful tool in healing the spirit of all ages. I use watercolors, snippets of textile fabrics, and other mediums to create pictures.

Maria is a professed Secular Franciscan in St. Clare Fraternity, Phoenix, Arizona. She currently serves as the fraternity’s Youth/Young Adult Coordinator. She loves to use art in various forms when praying.

K - Liturgical Movement
Donna Hollis, OFS

Live wholly - mind, body, and spirit. We will explore movements that express who we are within.

I was born with a dancing spirit and began my formal training at age 5. Performed in many groups and led dance workshops blending these varied aspects of dance including Ballet, Modern, Jazz, and folk dancing. I discovered “Liturgical Dance” when a member of a dance group at a Charismatic Church where ‘movement’ was an expression of prayer. Later I was given the opportunity to travel with dance groups that took me literally in all areas of the US and overseas. We are a ‘dancing people’, we move in patterns throughout our lives. I find that no matter where you are, Dance speaks to the inner heart of those watching and in participating you will find your own expressions of faith through movement which is what this workshop is about. (Praise His Name in the Dance…) Psalm 150:4

Donna is a National Councilor

L - Andiamo, Walk to Assisi
Cathy Roszhart, OFS

Let us go on a journey of health, balance and relationship in the spirit of Saint Francis’ Canticle of the Creatures. Come discover a wellness program inspired by a Franciscan spiritual approach to healthy living.

Cathy was professed in August 2008, currently serves on her local council and is St. Thomas More Vice-Minister. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Community Health Education and enjoys sharing her passion for wellness, using a holistic approach blending it with our celebrated Franciscan Charism.

M - Bread Making Prayer with Blessed Virgin Mary
Jane Lowell-Chroniak, OFS and Judith Mussatto, OFS

Together we will read passages from Scripture and Franciscan writings, pairing them with ingredients, as we mix each in and knead the dough. Music and singing are integral components of the activity. Many thanks to Josef Raischl, OFS and Fr. Andre Cirino, OFM for giving permission to do what they helped develop.

Jane has lived in Sahuarita/Green Valley, Arizona since 2012 after arriving from New Hampshire. She was professed in 2005 at Blessed Sacrament Church, Manchester New Hampshire. Jane has served on both local
and regional councils. She is currently is a member of St. Anthony Fraternity in Tucson, Arizona. Jane is a wife, mother and grandmother and now a retired nurse. She enjoys camping, hiking, swimming, knitting, reading, photography, gardening, sewing, and traveling.

Judith was born in Trinidad and Tobago in the West Indies and is a graduate of Salesian Pontifical University, Rome, Italy. She immigrated to the United States in 1991, settled in Claremont, CA where she worked as an early childhood educator. In August of 1996, she and William Mussatto were married and on October 3, 1997 they were Professed into the Secular Franciscan Order, Holy Spirit Fraternity, Claremont CA. In November of 1997, Judith was elected Vice-Minister of her local fraternity, followed by two elected terms as Minister of the same fraternity. In 2007, she was appointed Regional Secretary. After serving in that appointed position for eighteen months, she was elected Regional Secretary for two three-year terms in 2009 and again in 2012. In 2015, and again in 2018 she was elected Regional Minister for St. Francis Region, Southern California. Judith received a certificate on completion of the Spiritual Assistant/Formator Course in St. Francis Region and has completed the internship for Spiritual Assistants.

N - Un viaje franciscano hasta ahora
Heriberto & María Elena Prudencio
Escuche las pruebas, tribulaciones y alegrías de una pareja de El Salvador que profundizó su fe, fortaleció su estilo de vida y continúa su viaje franciscano hoy.

Heriberto y María Elena nacieron en El Salvador y vivieron allí como devotos católicos. Cuando se mudaron a los Estados Unidos, fueron patrocinados por una comunidad luterana. Heriberto se convirtió y ordenó ministro luterano y sirvió a su comunidad hasta su retiro. Una vez jubilados, Heriberto y María regresaron a la Iglesia Católica. Actualmente viven en Phoenix, estudiando para ser franciscanos seglares. El nuevo grupo de habla hispana está patrocinado por la Fraternidad de San Francisco y cuando se establezca canónicamente será la primera fraternidad de habla hispana de la Región en mucho tiempo.

O - The Gubbio Process: A Franciscan Approach to Handling Conflict
Carolyn D. Townes, OFS (JPIC)
Conflict is inevitable. Violence is not. Let Saint Francis of Assisi show us how to handle daily conflicts in a way that is peaceful and Spirit-led without erupting into full blown fights and wars.

Carolyn currently serves as Animator of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) for the US Secular Franciscan Order – for her local St. Clare of Assisi Fraternity in South Carolina, for the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region in the Southeast, for the National Fraternity and has served on the International JPIC Commission. Carolyn is a writer, speaker and lover of all things peace and justice.

P - The Leper in Me Sees the Leper in You: Understanding Unconscious Bias
Carolyn D. Townes, OFS (JPIC)
If you are breathing and above ground, then you are living, moving and having your being with unconscious bias. Everyone has them and when you can understand the biases you knowing and unknowingly deal with every day, then you can begin to disrupt and overcome them.
Q - The Spirituality of Justice, Peace, and Care for Creation

Patricia Grace, OFS (JPIC)

The Franciscan work that we do for peace and justice is grounded in Christ, Our Savior, rooted in scripture, articulated through Catholic wisdom teachings, and reflected in our Rule of life. Let us explore together how our efforts to create a world that safeguards the dignity of every person, the safety of all that lives, and the thriving of our planet is, in fact, our spiritual practice.

Patricia is the minister of her fraternity and the JPIC animator for St. Francis Region in southern California. She is a Master’s level social worker and a lawyer who has a long personal and professional history of advocacy for the poor and marginalized. However, she holds that her credentials for presenting this workshop are the callouses on her knees. All of our work for Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation begins at the feet of Our Lord Jesus.

R - 세인트 프란시스의 추종자 (Follower of St. Francis)

Sr. Woohee Sofia Lee

세인트 프란시스코는 기도하는 사람 이었습니다. 하지만 그의 전기 작가에 따르면 “그는 기도 그 자체라고 합니다. 그는 많은 놀라운 방법으로 또 한 분의 그리스도였음을 보여 줍니다. 그리고 그는 자유인이되었습니다.”

St. Francis was a man of prayer, but his biographer wrote, "He became prayer." He was another Christ, in so many wonder-filled ways. And he became a free man.

Sister Sofia Lee, entered the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi (FMSA) in 1987, taking her first vow in 1997. She earned her Master of Arts (MA) degree in clinical psychology from Sogang University Korea and another MA in family psychology therapy at Springfield college. She has worked with the Brooklyn Diocese ministry of the Poor and was the director of the Trinity Center. Sr. Sofia has had experience working with Native Americans on the Indian reservation area ministry. She currently serves as the director of the retreat center in New Mexico.

S - God’s Gift of Difference

Consuelo “Connie” Wild, OFS, Mark Banschbach, OFS, and Susan Tabor, OFS

Panel discussion presented by the newly-formed OFS-USA Accessibility Committee. Discuss why accessibility needs to be a social justice concern for fraternities at all levels, local, regional, national and international: Theology & Catholic social teaching. Living day to day and how we do it. What shapes attitudes about disability and deafness. Connections with St. Francis – as many of his teachings and actions embodied “Gospel to life, and life to the Gospel”. Resources and how-tos.

Susan is a social worker by training and is a trained spiritual director. She lives with blindness due to a congenital condition; retinopathy on prematurity, namely. She is also a member of the JPIC National Commission and serves as JPIC animator for the Juan De Padilla region.

Mark is relatively new to the field of accessibility, having exposure in areas of technology and in software development. He serves as Minister of St. John Capistrano Fraternity, as Area / Family Councilor in the Five Franciscan Martyrs Region, and Spiritual Assistant for The Encounter Fraternity in Lake Wales, Florida, and Regional Webmaster as well.
Connie serves as minister of her fraternity, St. Francis of Assisi Deaf Fraternity in the St. Margaret of Cortona region. It is the only known all-deaf OFS fraternity in the world. Connie is also a former director of the National Catholic Office for the Deaf. She lives with profound deafness.

**T - Reza Siempre**
Saúl Morales Mendoza
O raro para entender, entender para vivir y vivir para lievar a Cristo a los dema través de la misión, la predicacion y la evangelizacion a tiempo complete. Del mano de nuestra Madre Santísima la Virgen María.

**V - Q/A session**
Fr. David Couturier, OFM Cap.

**W - National Formation Commission Panel**
Diane Menditto, OFS, Anne Mulqueen, OFS, Layna Maher, OFS, Francine Gikow, OFS, Mary Stronach, OFS and Justin Carisio, OFS
Members of the National Formation Commission will be available to offer ideas for local and regional formation programs. This will also be an opportunity for any Secular Franciscan to ask questions about various aspects of initial and ongoing formation.

Diane is currently the Chairperson of the USA National Formation Commission. She has served as Minister of Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity since 2014. Diane has also been the Local Formation Director at St. Francis Fraternity, Hackensack, NJ. Previously, Diane was a high school Spanish teacher for 35 years and served in various offices on the Provincial, regional and local levels.

Anne’s bio: I currently serve as the Spiritual Assistant to the National Formation Commission and as Regional Spiritual Assistant for St. Margaret of Cortona Region. I made my profession and commitment to live the Gospel life 36 years ago. My passion is formation and from my first position—local formation director—to the present time, every office I have held has been influenced and supported by my formation foundation. I have held positions at all levels of fraternity primarily because my husband Bill believed in me and encouraged me every step of the way. Our two daughters, Peg and Nan, grew up as little Franciscans and that influence is still visible in their lives. My Franciscan vocation has been an adventure and a joy and for that, I will always be grateful to God.

Layna currently serves on the National Formation Commission. She is also the Formation Director for her local fraternity in Fonda, NY. She is a trainer for the New York State Justice Center in Delmar. Layna serves on the Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine council and leads youth retreat programs there. She also has served as a minister, vice minister at the local level.
Francine’s bio: I have been a professed Secular Franciscan since 1984 and I love the life! My brothers and sisters in fraternity have been such a blessing for me. God is sooo good! I am also a certified Spiritual Director from Cardinal Stritch University and have been active in initial and ongoing formation in the Order for almost my whole Secular Franciscan life and am now serving on the National Formation Commission. You might have seen my name in the TAU-USA since I write the “Franciscan Living” page. I have been blessed to be married for 45 years to a wonderful man with 2 grown children and have 2 Grandchildren who are the love of my life.

Mary has served the Secular Franciscan Order in a variety of capacities. She is the former International Councilor-at-Large at the national level and currently serves on the National Formation Commission. Her past functions also include serving on the region and local levels in different servant leadership positions. She is fluent in Spanish and English.

**X - Q/A session**  
Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.

**Y - Q/A session**  
Marion & Doug Clorey, OFS/Kathy & Tim Taormina, OFS/Lori Hinker, OFS

**Z - The Loom of God**  
Thomas McNamara, OFS
To experience the history of the Secular Franciscans is to discover that we are not separate or isolated from our ever-changing world. Come share stories about what it means to be Franciscans and members of a global Church in the Third Millennium.

I was born in Chicago and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, I studied in Catholic schools and attended Seminary in the Diocese of Tucson. After high-school I studied fine art and psychology, with a master’s degree in environmental therapy where I explored and wrote about the inseparable connection between human and planetary health.

I have worked in the Valley of the Sun all my life, living with my wife JoAnne of 42 years. We professed together in 2012. I recently retired to take up freelance writing and gardening. I currently serve as Archivist to St. Thomas More Region and am finishing my internship as a Spiritual Assistant. I also serve as national Historian for our Order and hope to complete a new volume of our history in time for Quinquennial 2021.